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P R E S S R E L E A S E

New Bedford's East Beach Has Reopened to Swimming

*Lab Results Show Concentration of Bacteria
Has Returned to a Safe Level*

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Health Department has announced that New Bedford's "East Beach" has been reopened for swimming as of 9:00AM today. East Beach is located along East Rodney French Boulevard in New Bedford. The testing results of water samples collected on August 24, 2007 show the concentration of Enterococcus bacteria at East Beach has dropped back to safe levels for swimming. Lab results reported today to show levels of Enterococcus bacteria have dropped to 4cfu/ml from the 500cfu/ml reading reported on Friday, August 24, 2007. Warning signs posted in the swimming area have been removed.

Health officials issued a closure advisory yesterday, August 24, 2007 when water-sampling results collected on August 23, 2007 showed levels of Enterococcus bacteria above the closure level in the East Beach swimming area. The closure did not affect the swimming beach at "West Beach," which is located along West Rodney French Boulevard.

Water sampling is conducted at all city beaches on a regular basis. City health officials will continue to monitor the water quality at East Beach and all municipal beaches for any significant changes.

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